

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## NATIONAL GUARD WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the nearly 12,000 citizen Soldiers and Airmen of the North Carolina Army and Air National Guard provide for the defense of the state of North Carolina and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, these men and women stand ready to leave their homes, jobs, schools, and families at any hour of the day or night in response to calls for help in times of natural or manmade disaster or national emergency; and

WHEREAS, these citizens in uniform voluntarily place the needs of our state and nation above their own wants and desires; and

WHEREAS, members of the National Guard willingly serve in harm's way here at home and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Saturday, December 13, 2008, marks the 372<sup>nd</sup> birthday of the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the members of the North Carolina Army and Air National Guard, their families and their employers deserve the gratitude of the citizens of the State of North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 7-14, 2008, as "**NATIONAL GUARD WEEK**" in North Carolina. I urge all citizens, local and state government leaders, private organizations, and businesses to join me in showing appreciation and thanks to the Soldiers and Airmen of the North Carolina National Guard for their exceptional devotion to their communities, their state and their nation.



MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and fixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.